

# **Human Rights Commission Awards Nominations Open**

The Fairfax County Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for its 28th annual Human Rights Awards. The awards will recognize nominees from three categories; individuals, nonprofit organizations and businesses for outstanding accomplishments in the area of human rights in Fairfax County during 2005.

Contributions may represent a single significant activity, long-term commitment displayed through various activities or corporate equality programs of an extensive and outstanding nature. The 2005 award recipients, as well as recipients of previous years' awards, will be honored at a banquet on May 18.

Recipients of the Human Rights Awards for 2004 were Ernestine C. Heastie, Rev. James A. Papile, Paula Prettyman and Kelly Schlageter; Fairfax Area Christian Emergency & Transitional Services, Inc.; and Booz Allen Hamilton.

The deadline for submitting 2005 nominations is March 17. Nominees for this award are selected on the basis of their contributions toward the achievement of equality in Fairfax County. For further information and nomination forms, write the Human Rights Commission, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 318, Fairfax, VA 22035-0093, call 703-324-2953, TTY 703-324-2900, or e-mail [michael.cash@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:michael.cash@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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